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Re: Enclosed Amendment After-Final Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,492
Docket No.: 030115

Dear Examiner Stokes:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 23, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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Enclosures

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kikuji Horiuchi

Serial No.: 10/693,492 **Group Art Unit:** 3732

Filed: October 27, 2003 **Examiner:** Candice Capri Stokes

For: ARTIFICIAL ROOT OF A TOOTH

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.